

Vardre Bowling Club

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Not long now before **Saturday 21st March at 2pm**, (weather permitting) when Diane, our new Club President, will bowl the first bowl which will declare our new bowling season open. Fingers crossed that the rain stays away and if it goes to plan and you can come along, you could bring some snacks, a few sandwiches or cakes etc. which would be appreciated and eaten.

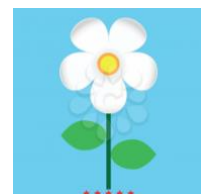
Watering System

I mentioned in the last Newsletter that we are looking into the introduction of a watering system and a group, led by Marina, is making good progress and with Diane finalising the grant application we are hoping that by the end of this coming season plans and money will be in place to complete the watering system in the closed season. However, as I said last time, it's not cheap and we know that if our grant application is successful, we expect that we will need to put around £5k towards it as part of the grant criteria.

Luckily, that £5k does not necessarily mean all cash. Volunteer hours can be offset against this amount. More information will follow. However, we will soon be launching the funding campaign for **THE WATER PROJECT**. The Social Group will be looking into ideas to try to raise the money we need which will, of course, involve you. Individual donations will always be accepted but if we can make fundraising fun, all the better. It is early days but expect to hear more, and please, if it's only for this year, involve yourself as much as you can to try to make this venture a success. It will help the Club, the Maintenance Team so much, and every member to enjoy a better bowling experience.

Flower Power

A big thank you to all of you who are turning up on Monday mornings to help to get the green ready for its opening and plan for the planting season. The club was always awash with colour, and it would be nice to make that happen again. The Committee approved some money to be spent on this, and Shan and Carol will be doing their best to find some bargains and with your help it will happen.





Social Activities

As mentioned, the Social Group will be meeting to look at how we all can help in our fundraising efforts. If you have any fun ideas, please let us know. We need as many of them as possible to try to make this a gamechanging year,

The **Darts and Domino** sessions each Tuesday at 2pm have been great so thanks to everyone who came along. Really enjoyable and raised good money for the club. We'll be sorry to see this finish until next year.

COMPETITIONS

In the last Newsletter I said that the Opening Fours was set for Sunday, 29th March. To make sure that we can get as many names on the sheet we have moved this to **Thursday 2nd April**. So please make sure your name is on the sheet before Tuesday 31st March at 4pm This is the annual doubles game, and the entry form and notice will be on the noticeboard on the opening day. The difference this year is you **must** have your name on the form before the closing date on the form or you will not be able to play. This is so the draw can be done in advance to speed up the process. We will also try to ensure that the competition will finish on the same day. If, because of a high number of applicants, it cannot be, the following Thursday will be reserved for the final. This will be your first chance to put some money in the fundraising pot as entry will be just £1. Bargain. This format will apply to all other one-off club competitions but not the Alpha Trophy or Hornby Cup as they take place throughout the season.

Charity Begins at the Vardre

Once again, we will be holding our annual '**Charity Day**' and it will be held, as usual, in the clubhouse and will take place on **Sunday 5th July**. I don't have to tell you where the money will be going this year. We will also be looking for good quality raffle prizes. If you have something for us, please keep it and we will give more details soon.

Colwyn Festival

This will again be held this season starting on **26th July with the final on 31st July**. Once again, we will be hosting some games and will need your help. However, this is some time off yet and more details will be given when we know them. Last year this gave us a great opportunity to sell refreshments and we made good money. Help this season is really needed.

Club Website vardrebowlingclub.com

Have you checked out the QR code system yet? Hold the camera on your phone, show it these squiggles and 'voilà'. Click on the Vardre BC bar and you are there. A great source of information from Diane





If you haven't got round to renewing your club membership, please arrange as soon as possible. Same cost as last year. £70 for league players and £65 for non-league players

Anyone who can give us a bit of time, the Maintenance team will be at the club, 10am until noon every Monday morning.

If you need to replace your bowling kit, 'Clothes for Work' are now above 'Darcy's Interiors in Craig y Don

We only have 36 members on our Clubs WhatsApp Chat Group. If you want to join please contact our secretary, Elaine.

This year the Welsh Crown Green Bowling Association (WCGBA) is celebrating its 100th anniversary. There will be commemorative books at our opening day. Only £5. Great bedtime reading 😊

A meeting on 12th March will be held to finalise the Thursday Friendlies.

Easyfunding is a scheme that started at the club some years ago, but lack of interest gave it a back seat. Our current situation calls for as much help as we can get. Register at easyfunding.org.uk. Any problems please contact Diane or Mark Ball.



I do all my own stunts, but **never** intentionally:

What happened around this date in

1900 The British Labour Party was founded. Ramsay MacDonald became secretary.

1991 The Gulf War came to an end with the liberation of Kuwait & the retreat of Iraqi forces.

2002 Spike Milligan, Irish comedian and writer died, aged 83.